

Remarks

Applicants' undersigned attorney respectfully requests that this application be reconsidered and found in condition for allowance in view of the amendments above and the comments which follow.

The Examiner's reliance on The Aziz reference and helpful reading of claim language against specific portions of the descriptive specification of that patent are noted with appreciation. However, it is respectfully submitted that the attempted readings are inapposite .

Regarding the recited step of receiving a packet, the Examiner references Column 2, lines 52 through 58 of Aziz. The discussion there is about activities which may be open to a network administrator, and makes no mention of any packet being either transmitted or, as recited in the claim, received. If the Examiner wishes to repeat this assertion, it would be appreciated if the Examiner could amplify the reference so as to make it clear where, precisely, the recited step is disclosed.

Regarding the recited step of determining that a received packet includes a server's address, the Examiner references Column 3, line 38 through 50 of Aziz. The discussion there is about secure communications and elements needed for such communication and makes no mention of any determination that a packet includes a server's address. Again, if the Examiner wishes to repeat this assertion, it would be appreciated if the Examiner could amplify the reference so as to make it clear where, precisely, the recited step is disclosed.

Regarding the recited step of determining that a received pack matches a client system, the Examiner references Column 3, lines 14 through 29 and Column 9, lines 12 through 25. The discussion there is about secure communication and

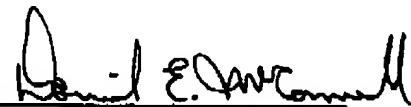
authentication and about components which must be configured, and makes no mention of matching a signal packet with a specific system. Again, if the Examiner wishes to repeat this assertion, it would be appreciated if the Examiner could amplify the reference so as to make it clear where, precisely, the recited step is disclosed.

Regarding the previously recited step of updating a storage device of a client system, that recitation has now been amended to more particularly point out that this step follows from, and is in response to, the foregoing steps of receiving a pack and making the two determinations. In its earlier form, the Examiner referenced Column 2, lines 52 through 60 of Aziz. The discussion there is about what actions an administrator may wish to perform, and makes no disclosure of updating a storage device in response to steps such as those recited in the presently amended claim.

It is axiomatic that a rejection under 35 USC 102, to be proper, must find within the four corners of the reference relied upon precise anticipation of the rejected claim. Here, and as has been pointed out hereinabove, such precise anticipation is lacking. Thus the rejection made is improper and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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